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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
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Gray *et al.*)
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Serial No.: 08/892, 695)
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Filed: July 15, 1997)
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For: GENES FROM THE 20q13)
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES)
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Examiner: Ungar, E.
Art Unit: 1642

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Dear Sir:

The following is offered in response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 1998.
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

As an initial matter, applicants note that claims 42-47 on page 71 of the application are not included in the Office Action. With regard to the claims included in the Action, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group III (claims 26 and 41), directed to methods of identifying mutations in neoplastic cells using nucleic acid probes. Applicants further elect the species of sequences that hybridize to SEQ ID NO:9. Applicants also note that the claims of Group II (claims 26-40) are indicated as being drawn to method of